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▶ Winnipeg police worked for more than a day to gather forensic evidence from the crime scene where David Michael Vincett, 20, died Sunday.

Slain man lived with disorder

- Police confirm RCMP assisted with forensic evidence in case
- In July, David Michael Vincett pleaded guilty to stealing a wallet

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The victim of a weekend homicide termed "unusual" by police investigators suffered for years with a severe developmental disorder that hampered his decision-making skills, according to court records.

Winnipeg police yesterday identified David Michael Vincett, 20, as the man found shot dead on a Boyd Avenue boulevard early Sunday morning.

No arrests have been made and police continue to piece together what the young father of a nine-month-old was doing — and with whom — in the hours before he died.

Vincett was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) about a decade ago, court heard in a late July hearing. He pleaded guilty to stealing a man's wallet and other personal items from a Tim Hortons not far from his mother's former home in West Broadway.

FACEBOOK

▶ David Michael Vincett

ADHD is frequently described as a disorder affecting a person's ability to concentrate or control impulse behaviour.

At the time he was arrested for the wallet theft, Vincett was on probation for prior offences.

Vincett told Judge Marva Smith he used to take medications to control his condition, but stopped "because it made me into a zombie," he told her.

At the time he was sentenced, his lawyer voiced a plan for him to move to Gimli to be with family — and take him away from negative peers, associations and influences in the city.

"I'm ADHD," Vincett said. "It's hard for me to choose who I go with because I lose track of everything so easily," he added.

Police said they weren't able to comment on many facets of their investigation, and said there was no information to link the killing to gang-related activity.

Police are asking anyone who may have had contact with Vincett to call the homicide squad at 986-6508 or Crime Stoppers at 786-TIPS.

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U of W gives nod to wellness centre

The University of Winnipeg is one step closer to securing a new wellness hub and multi-purpose complex.

The U of W's board of regents approved the drawing up of architectural plans for the new athletics complex, wellness centre on Spence Street and parkade as part of the growing learning centre.

Called the UWinnipeg Multi-Purpose Field House, Health and Wellness Complex, the new centre will cost $37 million to build, with $17 million of those funds from the city and the province.

The facility will be connected to the Duckworth Centre and the Bill Wedlake Fitness Centre, and will incorporate a 300-vehicle parkade.

Shovels are expected to break ground on the centre in spring of 2012. The Centre is also expected to provide facilities to numerous inner-city programs.

ELISHA DACEY

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▶ An artist's rendering of the new facility.

Election a close race: Poll

◗ Selinger comes out on top for honest government ◗ McFadyen top pick for handling the economy

Health care is the biggest election issue for Manitobans who responded to a new opinion poll.

When asked by Environics Research Group to name the most important issue in deciding which party to support, 27 per cent of respondents said health.

The economy and unemployment was next at 18 per cent, followed by crime at 14 per cent. Taxation ranked fourth at 11 per cent, followed by debt and deficit at seven per cent.

The online poll was conducted by Environics Research Group between Sept. 20 and 26, and provided exclusively to The Canadian Press on Monday.

Overall, 45 per cent of decided respondents backed the Opposition Tories, while 42 per cent supported the governing New Democrats. Only 10 per cent supported the Liberals.

Crime does not normally rank so high in most provinces, said Derek Leebosh, Environics' vice-president of public affairs. But in a province that routinely registers the highest rates of murder, assault and other crimes, its third-place ranking could be expected.

The numbers could be seen as good news for incumbent premier Greg Selinger. When asked which party leader would do a better job of managing health care, 36 per cent of respondents said Selinger.

Tory Leader Hugh McFadyen garnered 25 per cent while Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard scored 19 per cent. Twenty per cent were unsure.

However, McFadyen came out on top when people were asked which leader would best manage the economy — 38 per cent to Selinger's 30 per cent.

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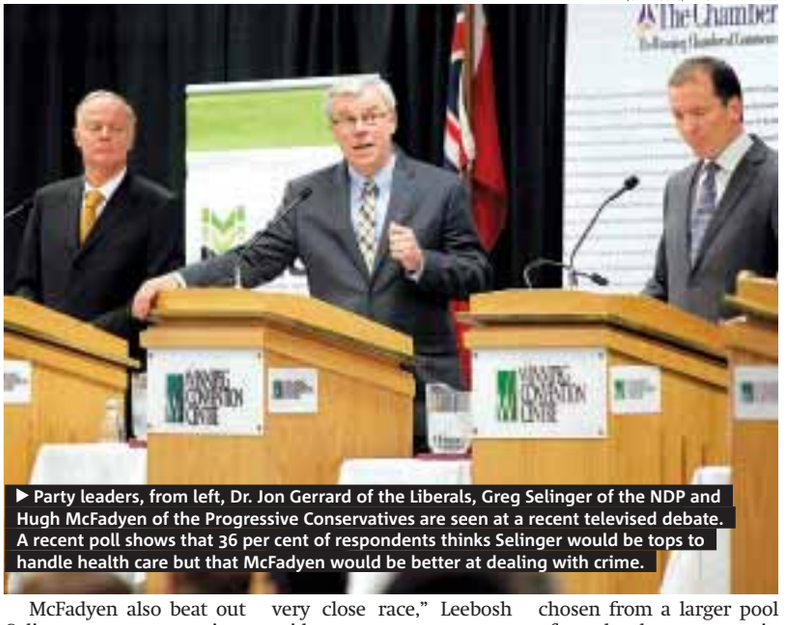

▶ Party leaders, from left, Dr. Jon Gerrard of the Liberals, Greg Selinger of the NDP and Hugh McFadyen of the Progressive Conservatives are seen at a recent televised debate. A recent poll shows that 36 per cent of respondents thinks Selinger would be tops to handle health care but that McFadyen would be better at dealing with crime.

McFadyen also beat out Selinger on taxes, crime and managing the deficit, while Selinger scored highest on the environment, social inequality and dealing with floods and other natural disasters.

"It all leads back to a very close race," Leebosh said.

Unlike traditional telephone polling, in which respondents are randomly selected, the Environics survey was conducted online among 1,000 respondents, all of whom were chosen from a larger pool of people who were recruited and compensated for participating.

Environics then adjusts the sample to reflect a broad spectrum of the population.

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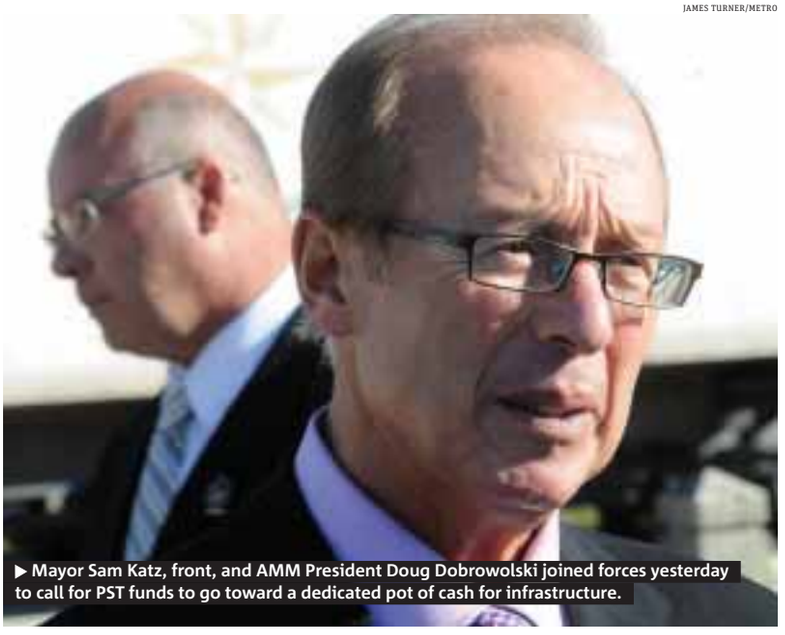

▶ Mayor Sam Katz, front, and AMM President Doug Dobrowolski joined forces yesterday to call for PST funds to go toward a dedicated pot of cash for infrastructure.

Katz renews PST call for infrastructure

AMM resolutions cite road repair or replacement as number one issue ◐ Request gets short shrift from NDP

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Just days prior to the provincial election, Winnipeg's mayor has challenged candidates to address infrastructure issues by pledging PST dollars for crumbling roads and bridges.

Sam Katz, joined by Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) President Doug Dobrowolski, asked for one point of the provincial sales tax to be dedicated annually as a stable source of funding for municipal infrastructure.

"We have committed the equivalent of one per cent in our most recent budget and will not be raising the PST by one per cent."
NDP LEADER GREG SELINGER

Katz pointed out that after adding up pledges made so far in the campaign, parties have promised roughly $3 billion in spending "to entice the votes of Manitobans," but little towards infrastructure needs.

"You can't keep ignoring it, someone has to address it," Katz said, noting in his mind, infrastructure needs to rank high as priorities for Winnipeggers.

City council passed a motion earlier this year asking the province to provide the PST funds over and above money the city already gets for infrastructure.

CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Sex offender to learn fate today

A Manitoba judge will decide this morning how to punish a recovering meth addict and convicted sex-offender who pawned iPods for drug money even though he knew they contained images of child pornography.

The Crown has asked Judge Sid Lerner to endorse a recommended sentence of 10 months jail plus three years of probation on top of the year Michael Langille's already spent behind bars.

Langille, a convicted sex offender, pleaded guilty yesterday to possessing and distributing child pornography and breaches of a prior probation.

He came to the attention of police after his girlfriend came forward and expressed concern about his viewing child porn.

She also forwarded police writings of his that contained "very extensive and very graphic" narratives of fantasy sexual assaults on sex-trade workers and kids, said Crown attorney Terry McComb.

Police were also looking at Langille as a suspect in connection to the uploading of child abuse images to an online storage site.

Lerner was presented with an extensive psychological report that described Langille as a medium-to-high risk to re-offend.

The forensic psychiatrist who authored it recommended Langille participate in sex-offender treatment while he's in jail. ● JAMES TURNER

Manila inundated by deadly waves

Thousands flee as typhoon floods Philippines capital with waist-deep water Power knocked out

Manila residents waded through waist-deep floodwaters and dodged flying debris yesterday as a powerful typhoon struck the Philippines, killing at least 16 people and sending waves as tall as palm trees crashing over seawalls.

Most deaths occurred in metropolitan Manila, which already was soaked by heavy monsoon rains ahead of Typhoon Nesat's arrival with more downpours and wind gusts of up to 150 km/h. Downtown areas along Manila Bay suffered their worst flooding in decades.

Pounding rains obscured the view of anyone on the streets as soldiers and police scrambled to safely rescue thousands of people in low-lying areas, where rivers and the sea spilled into shanties, hospitals, swanky hotels and even the seaside U.S. Embassy compound.

"It's flooded everywhere. We don't have a place to go for shelter. Even my motorcycle got filled with water," said motorist Ray Gonzales, one of thousands stranded by fast-rising floodwaters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two-year mark

- The massive flooding came exactly a day after this coastal city of 12 million held commemorations for the nearly 500 people killed during a 2009 cyclone.

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A woman arrives at an evacuation centre with her baby after being rescued by police at the height of Typhoon Nesat yesterday in Manila, Philippines.

Hundreds injured in China transit crash

A Shanghai subway train crashed into a stopped train during a signal failure yesterday, injuring more than 270 people, none seriously, in the latest trouble for the newly expanded transportation system in China's commercial centre.

The signal failure meant trains on Line 10 were being directed via phone by subway staff instead of electronic signals and thus were running at lower speeds. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tories force early vote on controversial crime bill

The Conservative government is using its majority muscle to push through Parliament a massive crime bill that provides harsher penalties for pot growers than pedophiles.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said the legislation "is an investment to better protect Canadians in their homes and make them feel safer in their communities." But just how large an investment, and how it will impact crime levels, remain open questions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Saggy-pants ban earns U.S. city $4K

Officials in Georgia say a city's ban on saggy pants has generated nearly $4,000 in fines in less than a year.

Albany attorney Nathan Davis says 187 citations have been issued since the ordinance went into effect Nov. 23, according to the Albany Herald. The ordinance bans anyone from wearing pants or skirts more than eight centimetres below the top of the hips, exposing the skin or undergarments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Housing market cooling: Report

Consumer caution spilling over into real-estate sales House prices expected to level off over the next couple of years, Scotiabank says

Canada's housing market stands out globally for its strength, but economic uncertainty and weaker consumer confidence could deter new buyers, a Scotia Economics report says.

It says Canada's housing market is notable for its "resilience and longevity."

But even though Canadian real-estate prices were up five per cent year over year in the April to June period, they started to level out in July and August, Adrienne Warren, a Scotiabank senior economist, said yesterday.

"I think the other factor we've seen in the slowing and softening of prices just reflects the fact that the housing market itself has become fairly balanced between the number of buyers and sellers out there," she said.

"If anything, I think the cooling off in prices is positive for longer-term affordability for buyers."

While interest rates are expected to remain low for some time, the Canadian economy is showing signs of losing some momentum, a factor that would affect house purchases.

"So the question mark will be to keep an eye on the job market," she said.

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On the house

- **Of the nine major** developed markets tracked by the Scotia Economics report, only Canada, France and Switzerland showed housing-price increases year over year.

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▶ Canada's real-estate market is weakening but at a slower pace than most other markets in the developed world, a Scotiabank report says.

Alone time important: Facebook co-founder

One of the founders of Facebook says that even he needs a break from social media from time to time.

Chris Hughes told business leaders in Montreal yesterday that while he cherishes the power of Facebook and Twitter, they can't replace old-fashioned human contact.

"I want to continue to live in a world where people can sit through a meal without looking at a phone," he said. "I want to have days when I only spend a little bit of time in front of a screen."

Hughes was among the small group of Harvard students who helped Mark Zuckerberg found Facebook in 2004. He also served as head of online organizing for Barack Obama's 2008 presidential campaign.

These two achievements alone are likely to secure him a key spot in the modern history of the Internet, never mind an estimated net worth of $700 million.

But Hughes also described the limits of social media, noting the inherent tension between connectivity and privacy.

"Most of the time I don't want all of my friends knowing exactly where I am at every moment and exactly what I'm doing," he said.

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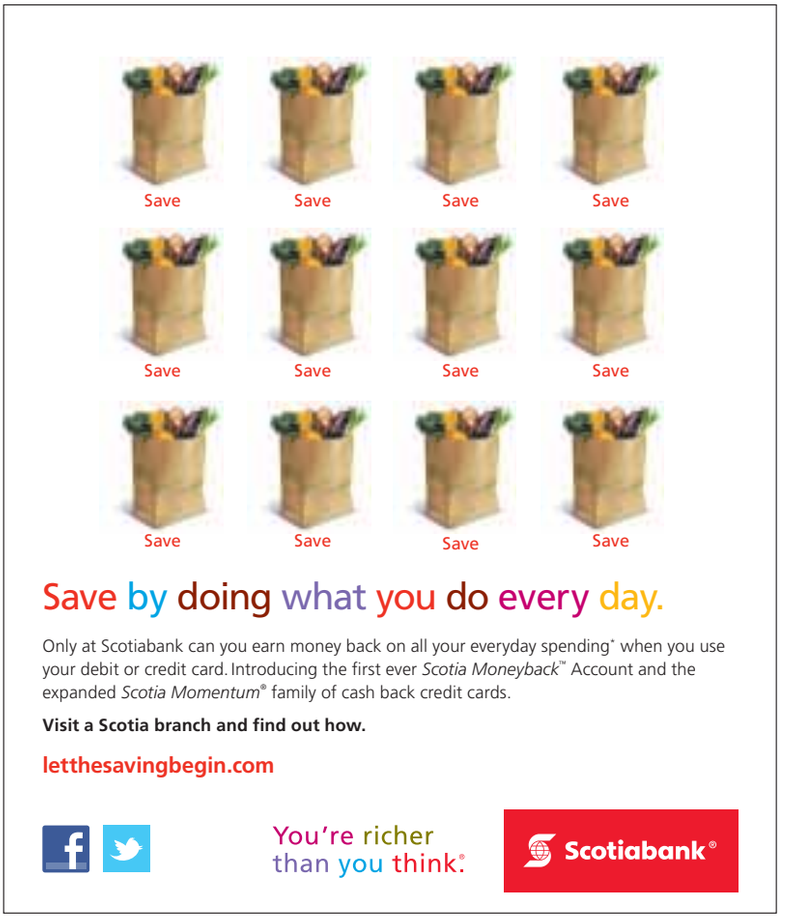
▶ Chris Hughes, co-founder of Facebook, says even he likes a little privacy sometimes. He spoke about social media yesterday in Montreal.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News in brief

iPhone event set for Oct. 4

HYPE MOUNTING. Apple Inc. will likely roll out its long-awaited iPhone 5 on Oct. 4, reports suggest. An iPhone event is scheduled for that date at company headquarters in Cupertino, Calif. While the company has not released details, tech watchers believe it will unveil the new iPhone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nokia's top phone on sale

N9 LAUNCH. Nokia Corp. has begun shipping its top N9 smartphone, ahead of the Windows Phone 7 launch expected later this year. Nokia says the N9 has free navigation and voice-guided maps, storage ranging from 16GB to 64GB and a swipe feature to return to the home screen. It sells for $480 to $560. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM stock jumps amid rumours of Carl Icahn investing

One of Research In Motion's Canadian shareholders says it would support U.S. investor Carl Icahn buying into the Waterloo, Ont., BlackBerry maker.

"It's been poor execution and poor innovation, and Apple has galloped ahead," said Vic Alboini of Jaguar Financial, which has pressed for changes at RIM. He made the comments after RIM shares rose more than five per cent in afternoon trading yesterday (closing up 3.6 per cent) in the wake of reports Icahn is buying into the firm.

Icahn has taken stakes in many big U.S. companies — from Motorola to Clorox — and forced them to restructure and become more profitable.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
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	Gold contract $1,652.50 US (+ $57.70)

A TORTURE APOLOGIST AND A TRAFFIC OBSTRUCTOR

JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Yesterday, at the end of a long day of strategic communications, the usual route home was blocked by police barriers, the sort of thing traffic reporters call a "police incident," a long, unexplained delay leading to gridlock.

The barriers, it turned out, were for former U.S. vice-president Dick Cheney, who was giving a talk at the Vancouver Club, the local pinnacle of snoot, and for the horde of protesters milling around the club demanding his speedy arrest, trial and conviction as a war criminal.

It's bad enough he's thought of as a war criminal. He compounds his Darth Vader reputation by impeding the free flow of traffic.

"In between, he waged war on half the world and approved of interrogation 'techniques' such as water boarding and sleep deprivation, also known as 'torture.'"

Dick Cheney: putative war criminal … and pylon.

Cheney was invited to speak in Vancouver by the Bon Mot Book Club, which has a definite "Let them eat cake" lilt to it. And speaking of cake, I hope they serve cherry slice at their meetings, and if they do, I hope they invite me. It's my favourite.

Meanwhile, out on the street, at the barricades, the righteously indignant from the StopWar Coalition et al. wanted Cheney and the Bon Mot members to choke on their $500-a-plate rubber chicken. They see Cheney as the evil mastermind of all that's wrong with U.S. foreign policy going back to the '80s, when as the congressman from Wyoming he voted against an initiative to free Nelson Mandela. It hasn't helped his brand that he managed to dodge the draft at the beginning of his career and, near the end, shot his hunting buddy instead of a quail. Oops.

In between, he waged war on half the world and approved of interrogation 'techniques' such as water boarding and sleep deprivation, also known as 'torture.' A hard man to like.

Even worse, he remains truculently unapologetic for any of it. His memoir, which he's currently flogging, is a 576-page un-apology that infuriates his critics. He has even infuriated his colleagues, such as former Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice, by calling them sissies.

Still, to stomp your feet and holler inarticulate clichés does nothing to thwart a nasty old hombre like Dick Cheney. Maybe it makes you feel better, but it leads to indigestion among the members of the Bon Mot Book Club and doesn't do much for weary columnists who would really like to get home, thank you. You've got to wonder who they're going to invite to their next meeting. Hitler's dead … isn't he?

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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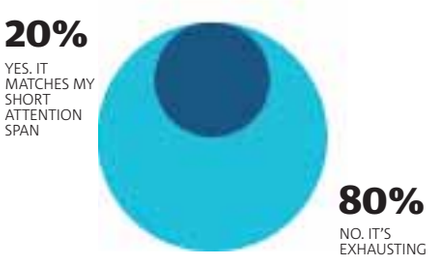

Local tweets

- **@oo:** Rode the bike in but dressed for summer - cccccold! But who can complain, really. A perfect fall morning. #Winnipeg
- **@chrisfantini:** Hey #Winnipeg I know we are winning at everything right now but homicide doesn't have to be one of them
- **@vinceleewpg:** Still waking up in the centre of the universe, cough, Toronto. Here till the end of the week, but there's no place like home #winnipeg
- **@AnalMagick:** @NHL Does winnipeg play san jose sometime this season? They should play west side story songs during the game. #jets #sharks
- **@Stube4:** How crazy will downtown #Winnipeg be Friday night!? @NHLJets and @Wpg_BlueBombers both having home games! #portage&main #wpgsports #swag
- **@twittanyd:** If anyone is interested in squeegying for a living, some dude is giving a "seminar" at Portage and Maryland. #winnipeg
- **@jessnbrown:** just for the record, #winnipeg #jets are not a rookie team selection in your hockey pool. lets just be clear about this.

Letters

Re: Too many teachers, not enough students, published Sept. 12.

My daughter, a recent teacher graduate, is presently experiencing exactly what Ms. Dacey has written in her article. I am an instructor at the college level, where the demand for our graduating technologists is high, resulting in waiting lists for students who would like to enroll in our department programs.

How can the Council of Post Secondary Education (COPSE), whose primary function is to monitor programs in post secondary education, allow this problem to continue "for decades?" One solution proposed in the article by Dr. David Manzuk, associate dean of education at the U of M, is that some teacher training centres should be closed down due to the lack of jobs. He also indicated "We need to be even more upfront and vocal to our incoming students and our graduates about the prospects." Bravo! I hope a representative from COPSE reads Ms. Dacey's article and implements some of Dr. Manzuk's recommendations.

DR. DAVE WOYTOWICH
M.SC., P. ENG., WINNIPEG

Revolutionary. Libya

▶ A Libyan revolutionary fighter fires his AK-47 assault rifle while practising shooting near Sirte, Libya, yesterday.

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Photo of the day

Libyan forces battled their way into the eastern outskirts of Moammar Gadhafi's hometown of Sirte, commanders said, in a bid to link up with anti-Gadhafi fighters besieging the city from the west and seize control of the loyalist stronghold.

WEIRD NEWS

You've heard of sun tanning in the nude, but it doesn't stop there ...

A man who scrubbed his pickup truck in the nude at a U.S. car wash has been sentenced to a year of probation.

Robert E. Bailey pleaded guilty on Monday to open and gross conduct for being naked at Economy Car Wash in North Attleborough, Mass. on May 31.

The Sun Chronicle reports that a woman vacuuming her vehicle at the business called police after she saw the 65-year-old Bailey in the nude.

Police say Bailey was wearing shorts by the time they arrived at the scene and denied doing anything wrong.

A judge also ordered Bailey to stay away from the car wash and the witness and to continue counselling. He will also be required to register as a sex offender.

The Sun Chronicle reported that Bailey was arrested in 2002 on a similar charged with a similar sentence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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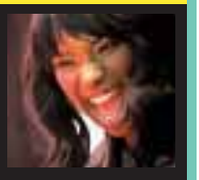

Singer and actress Jennifer Hudson hopes to show her commitment to a healthier lifestyle with the opening of a new weight loss centre in Chicago.
The Chicago native opened the Jennifer Hudson Weight Watchers Center yesterday. Hudson has lost 80 pounds and is a Weight Watchers spokeswoman.
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Ousted director Julie Taymor continues support for Spider-Man; says media treated her badly

Finding the hilarity in cancer — Seth Rogen talks about 50/50
Film was a tough sell but Rogen says it's both true to life and funny

Selling a cancer comedy

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▶ Joseph Gordon-Levitt, left, and Seth Rogen star in 50/50.

Seth Rogen knew that with 50/50, he had an important and entertaining story to tell — his friend (and screenwriter) Will Reiser's battle with a cancer diagnosis at the age of 25. But he also knew it was going to be a tough sell.

So here's how Rogen, who produced the film and co-stars in it with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, went about bringing a "cancer comedy" to theatres.

Don't fear the C-word.

"The first decision you have to make is to not shy away from what the movie's about. I think you have to let people know it's about cancer and then let them know that it's not f—ing miserable to watch, and that was kind of our entire goal with the marketing, was to really represent what the movie is and really let them know that it's honest and what it's about and that it's going to be a very truthful experience but at the same time it's funny and it's ultimately an enjoyable experience."

But don't put the C-word in the title.

"We're not stupid. We know a title like I'm with Cancer is repellent to some people. I liked it, but something you have to acknowledge being a filmmaker who wants people to see his movies is that what you like and what you know other people are going to like are two vastly different things at times.

We thought it was stupid to go through great lengths to make a movie that was really accessible and enjoyable and crowd-pleasing and then give it a title that would potentially alienate most of the people who wanted to go see it."

Find a new title — from wherever you can.

"It's hard to think of a f—ing title. We literally had a box on set that crew members put suggestions in. We offered, like, thousands of dollars if you could think of a title. And I don't think 50/50 was any of those titles.

I don't know who came up with it ultimately. No one got the prize money. One guy on the crew put in like 50 names, and so I think we ended up giving him a couple hundred bucks. 50/50 is a fine title, you know, I get it. It's a title that doesn't repel you from the movie, which for a movie like this is huge."

Aim for as large an audience as possible.

"I've got to be honest, I'm not the kind of guy that goes and sees little independent movies. It's just not the types of movies I go see. I go see big commercial movies, generally speaking.

I honestly don't think a movie has to be built for a small audience in order to be creatively worthwhile.

I think that you should be able to take an idea and make it in a way that everyone understands. To me, that's what art is — taking a feeling and articulating it to people, you know?"

As for the movie itself, keep it real.

"We really knew that we couldn't do a bulls— version of the movie. We knew ultimately we had to make it hard to criticize the overall feeling of the movie, which we wanted to be like an honest one, you know?

There was a scene where we're coffin shopping that Will wrote into the first draft, which was funny, but we were like, 'We never go f—ing coffin shopping. That's insane.'"

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CASTING CANCER

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Cancer is no laughing matter, but a new film starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt as a young man afflicted with a rare and deadly form of the disease is both heartfelt and humorous.

50/50, based on the real life experiences of screenwriter Will Reiser, was written to show how he and his best friend Seth Rogen (who plays a character loosely based on himself in the film) dealt with the trauma of the diagnosis by trying "to find the humour in the situation [because] we were not good at talking about it at an emotional level." The result, which hits screens just in time for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is touching, poignant and funny.

Here are some other inspirational films about cancer. The Terry Fox Story, the 1983 HBO biopic of the cancer research activist and his Marathon of Hope, was shown in theatres in Canada and Britain, but was the first television film ever made for a cable network in the United States.

Starring Eric Fryer, an amputee who, like Fox, lost a leg to cancer, the movie details Fox's goal to raise one dollar from every Canadian and create awareness of cancer issues.

Also based on real life is The Doctor, a 1991 film starring William Hurt as a physician who becomes more compassionate after he is diagnosed with throat cancer. Based on the book A Taste of My Own Medicine: When the Doctor Becomes the Patient by Dr. Ed Rosenbaum, the movie co-stars Christine Lahti, Mandy Patinkin and Adam Arkin, all of whom also played doctors on Chicago Hope.

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▶Scott Speedman and Sarah Polley starred in the 2003 movie My Life Without Me.

Other films show the different ways people react to a cancer diagnosis. In My Life Without Me Sarah Polley plays a 23-year-old mother of two diagnosed with a terminal endometrial cancer. Choosing to keep the news to herself, she makes a secret list of all the things she wants to do before she passes.

From the sublime —"Tell my daughters I love them several times" — to the ridiculous — "Get false nails. And do something with my hair." — the items on the list give her life purpose and meaning.

In Life as a House Kevin Kline is George Monroe, an architect's model builder with terminal cancer. The diagnosis forces him to look at his life — "Hindsight," he says, "it's like foresight without a future"— and rebuild his dilapidated house as well as his tattered relationships.

Meeting the New old Girl

Hannah Simone left MuchMusic three years ago to pursue stardom in L.A. The former model and VJ stars opposite Zooey Deschanel in TV show New Girl

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Hannah Simone's remarkable life has played out in politics, travel, international health advocacy and now a TV sitcom! The former host of WCG Ultimate Gamer and MuchMusic's acclaimed daily series, NewMusic says she moves countries every three or four years. But given the enthusiastic response her first network sitcom New Girl's getting, she may kiss her nomadic existence goodbye in favour of long-term tenure in Hollywood.

Simone plays Cece, Zooey Deschanel's character Jess' best friends and we talked all about it in Toronto.

You play Zooey Deschanel's sexy best friend in New Girl. There is such intelligence even in the few appearances she made in the pilot, and she's wickedly witty.

Yes absolutely! I was so excited when I read the script to see that both women on the show are confident, smart women who know exactly who they are and that the two women were so supportive of each other. Women on TV shows are often pitted against each other. (Deschanel had a hand in picking Simone. She tells us "I read with every single person who came in for call backs, I liked being a part of the casting process, it's really eye opening for me as an actress and it allowed me to experiment with my character and allowed me to see who I would work best with."]

Cece doesn't spare Jess' three new male roommates.

This is the thing. She seems harsh. But she just found out her emotionally devastated friend has moved in with three men she met on Craigslist. What would happen if a sister or best friend showed up? They would look as tough and hard as you can get. Nothing less than the threat of murder to get the point across! It's the situation, not the character. It's true you have to leave the apartment and not let them do anything or suffer the consequences. Fear is the greatest motivator. They balance each other. Cece is the voice of reason and Jess ... is not. She's going through a big breakup; she walks in on her boyfriend cheating on her.

She has her best friend, we all have them, and they balance each other. If one has a weak moment, my job as her friend is natural as someone who loves you can step up and take the reins and be strong and help her. You'll see later in the season I have moments where she has to take care of me. It's what real life is like, that's what I like so much about this show. It's not a boxed situation.

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The north will rise again

At Pop Montreal, Canadian bands delivered the best shows From rock to synth, Canucks killed it

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▶ Purity Ring, hailing from Edmonton, had heads nodding at Pop Montreal.

Pop Montreal wrapped up Sunday night, and among all the international headliners, the real heroes may have been the Canadian bands at the smaller clubs. Here are a look at some of the highlights.

HUMANS

Not to be confused with the Toyah Willcox band that puts a 'The' before the same moniker, this electronic duo from Vancouver sounds like a cross between LMFAO and LCD Soundsystem.

They bring the party rock with a song you shall know by Avec Mes Mecs, (in English, that's With My Bros), but unlike LMFAO here's a heavy indie dance pulse that's a little bit more sophisticated than yelling 'shots!' 40 times in the chorus.

No, HUMANS say: "Who knew that all we had to do was party?"

And when Robbie Slade sings that line it's like he's stumbled upon a truth of human nature.

His partner in synth, Peter Ricq, then layers thick textures of fuzz on top of the proceedings.

Random Recipe

This Montreal four piece also live up to their name. It's almost as if the two front women took the Eminem/Dido collaboration and said, "Let's make music like that." Incorporating instrumentation like the nylon-stringed guitar, glockenspiel, kazoo and good old fashioned beat boxing, Frannie Holder and Fab harmonize with one another and rap funny and salty rhymes.

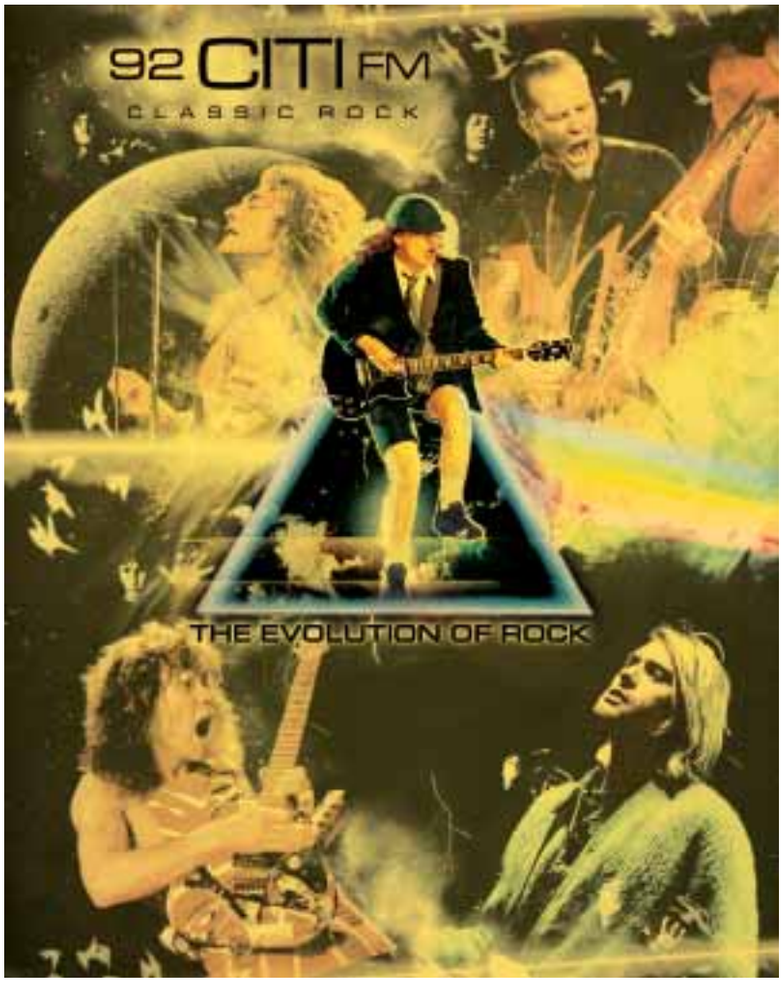
Purity Ring

Listening to this Edmonton duo, you might think that your computer is misreading a CD by pop divas of bygone days like Nu Shooz or Exposé.

The melodies and vocal effects are so 1980s top 40, but there's something sick going on underneath the surface, like dubstep subbass booms and fat hip-hop beats. But when you see them live you'll feel like you're the one whose system is having difficulty processing the music.

As Megan James sings her sweet rhymes, Corin Riddick plays an instrument that looks like it's a row of repurposed draft beer taps, as the pipes illuminate and the computer sensors within spit out different notes.

The lighting is a key element with this performance as James intermittently wails on a huge elevated bass drum that is lit up from within.



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▶ Joan Jett.

Feeling the love

Blackhearts, iconic rock act, gets Hall of Fame nod

Long ago, Joan Jett and the Blackhearts professed their love for rock 'n' roll. It's time to see if the feeling runs both ways.

The iconic rock act is on the list of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame nominees for the 2012 class released Tuesday. Women who rock feature prominently among first-time nominees. Joining Jett, whose I Love Rock 'n' Roll remains a classic rock standard 30 years after its release, are sister act Heart and Rufus with Chaka Khan.

They're joined by Guns 'N Roses, hip-hop pioneers Eric B. & Rakim, glum glam Goths The Cure and The Small Faces/The Faces, which includes Rod Stewart. Bluesman Freddie King and The Spinners are also first-time nominees on the ballot for the hall's 2012 class. Previous nominees up again include The Beastie Boys, The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Donna Summer, Laura Nyro, Donovan and War and its an eclectic group, running from lush British folk to classic early beats and bone-crushing power rock.

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Dunst opens up about depression

Stars in new movie, Melancholia, which is 'beautifully depressing'
But her love life is anything but

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Kirsten Dunst, whose new movie, Melancholia, is being called "beautifully depressing," is opening up about depression itself.

"I think that most human beings go through some sort of depression in their life. And if they don't, I think that's weird," she tells Flare magazine in an interview.

"People are embarrassed to talk about it — I would never put anyone down that was in that kind of space."

One area that isn't causing Dunst any sort of depression is her love life, and she says the secret is to not date a fellow actor.

"I haven't dated an actor in a very long time. I've dated someone for a pretty long time now who's not an actor, and it works better," says Dunst, who is currently dating Razorlight singer Johnny Borrell.

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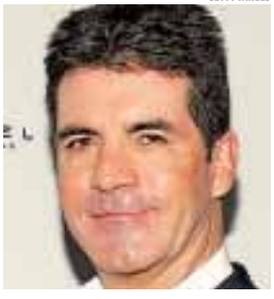

Cowell keeps his exes happy

When Simon Cowell breaks up with a girlfriend, he doesn't like them to leave empty-handed.

Cowell claims that he pays his exes after they split so they can maintain the standard of living he's introduced them to, according to Hollyscoop.

"You can't have somebody in your life who's become accustomed to a certain thing and, just because you don't want to be in a relationship any more, say to them, 'No, everything is cut off,'" says Cowell, who is currently engaged to makeup artist Mezhgan Hussainy.

He didn't elaborate as to what sort of payments he's made to his exes, though.

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Talking points

Gaga takes her case to Obama

Outraged over the recent suicide death of 14-year-old fan Jamey Rodemeyer, Lady Gaga took her anti-bullying crusade straight to president Barack Obama this week, according to ABC News.

The pop star attended a $35,800 per person fundraiser in Silicon Valley, Calif., to press the president on legislation that would make bullying a hate crime.

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Jones keeps baby ID secret

When January Jones filed the birth certificate for her son, Xander Dane Jones, last week, she left the space for the name of the baby's father blank, according to Us Weekly, continuing her vow to not reveal the man's identity. Jones gave birth to Xander, her first child, on Sept. 13 and has yet to be spotted out with the baby.

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Celebrity tweets

"Don't you hate it when somebody always has to say where they are from like that will get them super powers in an argument!"

@chrisbrown

@diablocody

"I love exploring NY! Just ate at an awesome local place called Subway."

@jason_mraz

"Anyone coming to the Merriweather show tonight want to take our compost home to your worms?"

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"Lautner is gonna bang this girl and it has been an hour since three of his parents died!! You don't make out for at least two hours!"

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Travel in brief

The Milwaukee Public Museum is gearing up for its new exhibit on Cleopatra. A five-metre granite statue of a king dating from Cleopatra's dynasty is being uncrated at the museum on Wednesday. The 5.5-ton Ptolemaic king was recovered from Heracleion, a sunken ancient city near Alexandria, Egypt, after centuries beneath the Mediterranean Sea. Cleopatra: The Search for the Last Queen of Egypt begins Oct. 14 and features nearly 150 artifacts.

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California governor lifts ban on bars infusing flavours into alcohol; bartenders rejoice

Kayak in the not-so-desolate Desolation Sound

Majestic views of the coastal mountains await kayakers in Desolation Sound, B.C.

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▶ Capt. George Vancouver dubbed this kayaker's paradise Desolation Sound.

Desolation Sound Marine Park, on the Sunshine Coast 170 kilometres north of Vancouver, winds its way around the twisted shoreline. The park, established almost 40 years ago, is the largest marine park in B.C. and a popular destination for boaters and kayakers.

From the water, the majestic coastal mountains rise up abruptly from sea level to more than 2,400 metres, high enough to provide a stunning snow-capped backdrop for paddlers and to help them stay cool on even the hottest of days.

According to legend, it was Capt. George Vancouver who dubbed the area Desolation Sound after his first voyage here in 1792, struck as he was by the remote and forbidding landscape.

But the stunning beauty of the place — not to mention some rather significant improvements in access, gear and facilities — mean it's anything but desolate now.

At times during the peak season, the biggest problem kayakers and boaters might experience is finding a place to pitch a tent.

After setting out from the small town of Lund, you can paddle to a provincial campsite on the Copeland Islands in Thulin Passage, a serene spot only about an hour's kayak away.

A narrow spit of land separates small bays on either side of the island, where massive coastal trees have washed up on shore to provide the perfect spot to watch the curious seals.

The next day, paddle to the provincial campsite on the Curme Islands, where the salt water beckons after a long day of paddling.

The paddle to Roscoe Bay on West Redondo Island on the third day is a relatively easy crossing and includes a chance to skirt along the coastline at lower tide, taking in the vibrant marine life that lies just below the surface: starfish, crabs and abundant oysters clinging to the rocks.

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▶ A three-day kayak trip makes for sore arms.

▶ During peak season, kayakers can find it difficult to find a campsite in Desolation Sound.

If you go

- Read the BC Parks website on Desolation Sound Marine Provincial Park (env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/desolation/), in particular the General Wildlife, Marine & Outdoor Ethics Information.
- Check the Tidal Charts and plan your trip accordingly.
- Contact Tourism BC for a list of tour companies who organize kayaking trips in Desolation Sound and travel with an experienced guide: hellobc.com.
- Check the BC Ferries schedules for the Sunshine Coast: bcferries.com

Mouth-watering mushrooms

This vegetarian version of an Indonesian favourite makes a tasty entrée or snack Grilled mushroom and veggie satays are low in fat and calories

Preparation:

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together lemon juice, honey, soy sauce, ginger and garlic. Stir in whole mushrooms until coated. Marinate at room temperature for 30 to 60 minutes, stirring occasionally. Meanwhile, soak bamboo skewers in water for the same time.
2. Separate onion wedges into individual layers. Remove mushrooms from marinade, reserving marinade in a small saucepan. Thread mushrooms, alternating with onion wedges and sugar or snap peas, onto wooden skewers.
3. Grill on the barbecue for 3 minutes on each side.
4. If using noodles, cook as directed on package. Heat marinade until boiling for 1 to 2 minutes or until thickened slightly.
5. Serve skewers on cooked noodles. Drizzle sauce over noodles and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Serve peanut sauce on side for dipping, if desired.

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Tips

- **Tip:** For convenience marinate mushrooms in a sealed plastic bag, turning a couple of times.
- **Variation:** To serve as a snack or appetizer, omit noodles and sesame seeds. Serve skewers with warm sauce for dipping.

Ingredients:

- 75 ml (⅓ cup) fresh lemon juice
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) each liquid honey and soy sauce
- 22 ml (1 ½ tbsp) grated fresh ginger
- 1 large clove garlic, minced
- 32 medium mushrooms (about 500 g/1 lb)
- 8 bamboo skewers (each about 20 cm long)
- ½ small red onion or sweet onion, cut into wedges
- 24 sugar snap or snow peas
- Rice stick noodles (optional)
- Sesame seeds and/or peanut sauce (optional)

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▶ Grilled Mushroom Satays

Drink of the week

Three-Citrus Raspberry Rickey

- Handful fresh raspberries
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) agave nectar
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) lemon juice
- 15 ml (1/2 oz) lime juice
- 30 ml (1 oz) orange juice
- 30 ml (1 oz) vodka
- 30 ml (1 oz) raspberry liqueur
- Club soda or seltzer water
- Ice

In the bottom of a highball glass, gently crush half of the raspberries. Stir in agave nectar, lemon juice, lime juice, orange juice, vodka and raspberry liqueur. Add ice, club soda and remaining raspberries. Stir gently.

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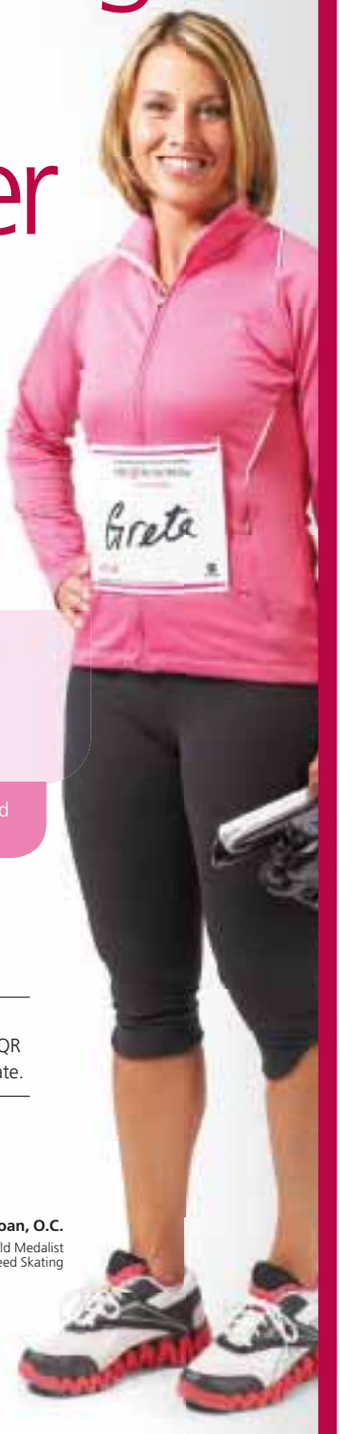

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Journey as important as destination

STUDENT VOICE

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I took a bit of a winding road to get to where I am today. As a university student, I had no idea what I wanted to be.

In third year, I landed a summer internship with a Fortune 500 company in the consumer packaged goods industry. It was a truly excellent experience, so I happily accepted an offer to join them full-time after graduation.

About a month into my final semester at university, while on exchange in Hong Kong, it hit me. I was seeing the world for the first time, and it just didn't feel right to move back to Canada and start my career. I felt like there was so much more to learn.

So, I reneged on my offer and applied for a scholarship with the Chinese government. And I got it!

I spent the summer backpacking around Europe and then moved to Xiamen, China, a small southern coastal city on the mainland and started my Master's in International Relations.

But, in fact, that wasn't right for me either. Although I loved everything about my life in China outside of school, the academic learning curve stopped being so curve-y after about six months and I felt like I had gotten what I needed out of the experience — mainly, time to think about the career I wanted to build for myself.

After nearly 15 months, I moved back to Toronto with just a few Renminbi saved up, and no idea what I was going to do next.

Shortly after I returned, I randomly ran into a former colleague of mine — we had managed a McDonald's together in high school. She ended up referring me for a job at her company, and I worked there for a year before I realized where I truly belong — at a start-up where I currently work.

Outside of work, I'm the founder of Ladies Learning Code (www.ladieslearningcode.com), a collective of women working to empower everyone to feel comfortable learning basic programming and other technical skills. I also manage social media for the Ivey Alumni Association in Toronto.

I think employers should be more understanding of the fact that young people may not know exactly what they want to do after graduation. But that doesn't mean we aren't capable of great things.

Give a young person a challenge, give them ownership of the results, and I think many employers would be amazed by what we can come up with.

It took me longer than I expected to find out where I belong, but the journey was valuable — it got me where I am today.

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What I learned

Key take-aways from Heather's experience:

- Don't be stressed out if you're about to graduate and don't know what you want to do next!
- Follow your passions to do what you're interested in.
- Network with former colleagues, classmates and friends to find something that's right for you.

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▶ Heather Payne tried different career paths before finding her niche.

Where Heather is now

In July, I joined Pinpoint Social, a Toronto-based start-up building on the Facebook platform. We have an application that helps brands and businesses run promotions, contests and coupon giveaways on their Facebook Page. I lead our sales and marketing effort, and I also manage our client relationships.

Horrible bosses can be psychos, too: Study

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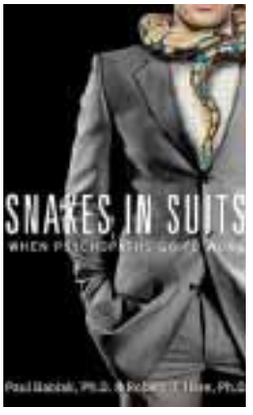

Do you hate your boss? Does their vileness go beyond them passing your work off as their own or making you deal with their dirty laundry?

Paul Babiak, psychologist and co-author of Snakes in Suits: When Psychopaths Go to Work, analyzed the personality traits of over 200 corporate professionals across America.

He used the standard Psychopathy Checklist developed by co-author Robert Hare from University of British Columbia. He found that four per cent of them exceeded or reached the cut off point for psychopathy — that's an average of one in 25 people.

Although psychos are weak on paper (poor performance appraisals), Babiak suggests that they thrive in the corporate world thanks to their ability to convince upper management of their strengths.

"Psychopaths always make a good first impression. They are both charming and grandiose. In reality, they have low managerial skills and have zero loyalty to their company or profession. All they care about is themselves," he explained to Metro.

Studies have shown them to have difficulty in understanding the true nature of feeling, explaining their emotional poverty and acute insensitiveness.

Half of Babiak's maniac clients have come from the financial service industry. Could the desire for money be meddling with the mind? Babiak thinks psychopaths live a parasitic lifestyle.

"They're parasitic predators, opportunists that latch on to people like parasites and suck out their resources. They seek an easy way to live life so are naturally attracted to where the money is: financial business."

Physical mannerisms can betray a psychopath's true self.

"Research has shown they tend to have an unhealthy relationship with alcohol, known as 'co-morbidity.' You may also of heard of the intense psychopathic stare, a blank glare devoid of emotion," Babiak adds.

Don't fret. We're not saying all bosses are on a mission to make your life miserable.

Psychopath or just plain cruel, don't unleash your boss-related frustration via Facebook feed or tweet your tears. You only risk getting fired and you can wave goodbye to that severance pay.

Meet the big 'unschooling' adventure

Sharing some similarities as home-schooling, 'unschoolers' use the world — and life experience — as their primary educational tools The classroom can happen anywhere, and the lessons are driven by children

The perky teen from Tucson, Ariz., explores what she likes, when she likes, and as deeply as she chooses every day of the year. As an "unschooler," Zoe is untethered from the demands of traditional, compulsory education.

That means, at the moment, she's checking out the redwoods of California with her family, tinkering with her website and looking forward to making her next video on her favourite subject, exogeology, the study of geology on other planets.

"I love seeing the history of an area," Zoe said. "Maybe a volcano erupted and grew taller over time, or wind eroded rock into sand dunes, or a meteor hit the ground and made a crater. Finding out how these and other formations formed is something I just really like."

Zoe's cheer: "Exogeology rocks!"

Unschooling has been around for several decades, but advocates say there has been an uptick as more families turn to home-schooling overall.

Reliable data is hard to come by, but estimates of children and teens home-schooled in the U.S. range from 1.5 million to two million. Of those, as many as one-third could be considered unschoolers, meaning their parents are "facilitators," available with resources and materials, rather than topdown "teachers."

Life lessons

The rules for 'unschooling' in the U.S. vary tremendously by state.

- Unschoolers operate under U.S. laws governing home-schooling.
- Some requiring standardized tests or adherence to a set curriculum and others nothing more than a letter from parents describing what their kids are up to.
- Unschoolers say they have no trouble meeting the requirements.

There's no fixed curriculum, course schedule or attempt to mimic traditional classrooms. Unless, of course, their children ask for those things.

Zoe, for instance, wanted to know more about geology once she turned 12, so she signed up for a class at Pima Community College. "I had to take a placement test, which was the first test I'd ever taken," she said. "It was surprisingly easy."

She has since taken several other college classes, including astrobiology, algebra and chemistry. Maybe, Zoe said, "I'll earn a degree, but the important thing to me is to learn what I need to and want to know. Everything else is a bonus."

John Holt, considered the father of "unschooling," would have been proud. The fifth-grade teacher died in 1985, leaving behind books and other reflections that include his 1964 work, How Children Fail.

The book propelled him into the spotlight as he argued that mainstream schools stymie learning by creating feat and forcing children to study things they have no interest in.

Colorado unschool mom Carol Brown couldn't agree more. "Being bored makes school miserable for a lot of kids, plus there is the element of compulsion, which completely changes any activity," she said.

Brown and her husband unschooled their oldest daughter until she left for college and their youngest until her junior year in high school, when she chose to attend Telluride Mountain School, a progressive school near home.

"Unschooling parents are doing what good parents do anyway when they're on summer vacation," Brown said. "We just had more time to do it."

Like other unschoolers, Brown's girls had books and films, art supplies and building materials growing up. They visited beaches, museums and forests. "There's no one right way for every child to learn or grow up," Brown said. "Freedom is essential for that reason."

For Clark Aldrich's 16-year-old son in Connecticut, that meant raising hens for his own business selling eggs. "It's a good way to learn about animals, commerce and economics as well as inventory," Aldrich said.

Rare, unschoolers said, are children who never find reasons to pick up the basics — and beyond. That could mean reading later than parents might be comfortable with, or ignoring math until they see a reason to use it.

Unschoolers have their own publications, message boards and websites, such as Theunschoolersemporium.com.

The site's owner, Sara McGrath, blogs regularly about unschooling.

McGrath, who has three daughters, notes the approach is more hands-on.

"It doesn't describe a specific alternative to schooling. It just gets schooling out of the way so various unique dynamic personal creative ways of growing up, living, participating and contributing to communities can develop," she writes.

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"They and we have both agreed that so long as there is reason to keep discussing, we will keep discussing, undeterred by the calendar or weekends or things like that."

DAVID STERN AFTER NEGOTIATORS FOR THE NBA AND ITS PLAYERS MET FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY. BOTH SIDES WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO END THE LOCKOUT THAT HAS LASTED NEARLY THREE MONTHS.

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Rookie Scheifele looks like an NHLer so far

The 18-year-old centre makes it past latest round of cuts Jets coach Claude Noel not saying much about team's plans for its top prospect

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Winnipeg Jets forward Mark Scheifele (right) jokes around with with teammates during training camp in Winnipeg Wednesday, September 21.

Should Mark Scheifele play for the Winnipeg Jets this season?

In offices, coffee shops and hockey rinks throughout the Manitoba capital the debate rages: Would the 18-year-old centre be better off going back to the Barrie Colts of the OHL or joining the NHL's Jets in the year of their rebirth?

Scheifele, the Jets' first draft pick (seventh overall) since relocating from Atlanta, was tied with Philadelphia's Matt Read for the league lead in preseason scoring heading into yesterday's games with three goals and three assists in three games. He was named the first star in Winnipeg's emotional exhibition home debut on Sept. 20, and again in Monday's nationally televised win over the Ottawa Senators in St. John's, N.L.

"I think I can find the next level. I think I just have to get those first few shifts over with and get used to the speed and strength and the skill of all those guys."
MARK SCHEIFELE

Yesterday, he was smiling when his name was absent from a list of 20 players cut from the Jets' camp.

"I'm feeling pretty good right now," said Scheifele (pronounced SHIHF-lee). "Coming to an NHL camp I had no expectations. I just wanted to play good and wanted to stick (with the Jets) obviously."

Ever since he pulled on a generic NHL jersey — the Jets didn't yet have a logo — at the draft, the six-foot-three Scheifele has been saying the same things about wanting to make the team after playing only one year of major junior hockey.

The Jets have two preseason games remaining — at home to Carolina today and Nashville on Friday — against lineups likely to be laden with NHL regulars.

If Scheifele wants to be on Winnipeg's opening night roster, he figures he'll need to show coaches and management even more in those two games.
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AL wild-card tied going into final day

The Boston Red Sox maintained a share of the AL wild-card lead last night, using four home runs to beat the Baltimore Orioles 8-7 and set up a dramatic conclusion to the regular season.

The skidding Red Sox were 7-19 in September after rebounding to edge the last-place Orioles. The win, combined with Tampa Bay's 5-3 victory over the New York Yankees, kept Boston and the Rays tied with one game left.

The Red Sox send Jon Lester (15-9) to the mound against Baltimore tonight in an effort to get into the post-season for the fourth time in five years. Lester, Boston's winningest pitcher, will be throwing on three days' rest.

Boston will be looking to put together its first winning streak since sweeping a doubleheader from Oakland on Aug. 27. If the Rays and Red Sox remain tied after tonight, Tampa Bay will host a one-game playoff tomorrow.

Rookie Ryan Lavarnway became the unlikeliest of heroes for Boston, hitting his first two major league homers after being thrust into the lineup because of injuries to catchers Jarrod Saltalamacchia (sore collarbone) and Jason Varitek (knee).

Lavarnway, a Yale philosophy major who never played a big league game before August, hit a three-run drive in the fourth inning and added a solo shot for an 8-4 lead in the eighth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bombers hobbling ahead of clash with Als

Buck Pierce isn't sure he'll be ready to play this week.

Backup quarterback Alex Brink thinks he'll be good to go if Pierce can't.

Who will be Winnipeg's starting quarterback is just one of the questions the injury-riddled Blue Bombers (8-4) have as they prepare to host the Montreal Alouettes (7-5) in a first-place CFL showdown Friday.

"You just keep going, just go to work and figure it out," Bombers head coach Paul LaPolice said after yesterday's practice.

"We've done that a couple times this year and we've won eight games, double what we won last year. Everybody has challenges so you just have to work through it."

Seven Bombers were knocked out of last Saturday's 25-24 loss to the Toronto Argonauts because of injuries, including starting running back Fred Reid and his backup Carl Volny. Both are done for the season with torn anterior cruciate ligaments.

Pierce left the game — his career-high 12th start — after re-aggravating bruised ribs in the first half. Brink dislocated the shoulder of his non-throwing arm in the fourth quarter. Brink's shoulder was reset during the game and took most of the reps with the first-team offence yesterday. Pierce didn't practise.
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Desperate times

The Bombers also have quarterback Justin Goltz, pictured, who went in and threw a touchdown in the Argo loss.

- Import pivot Brandon Summers was on the practice roster and import QB Adam Froman was brought in.
- Defensive tackle Doug Brown (shoulder), offensive lineman Brendon LaBatte (neck) and defensive lineman Rodney Fritz (hamstring) were also injured in the Argo game. All sat out yesterday's practice, as well as receiver Cory Watson (ankle), who should practise today.

Engine

The powertrain lineup of the Coupé should be familiar to Mini fans. Base models are fitted with a 121-horsepower 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine, while the S features a 181-horse turbocharged 1.6.

At the top of the scale is the John Cooper Works (JCW) edition that pumps out 208 horsepower from its turbo motor. The JCW also comes with an aero kit, Brembo-brand brakes, distinctive alloy wheels and a fancier interior.

Not your average roof

The Coupé's signature design piece and easily the most controversial is its helmet-look roof that, for added emphasis, is painted in a contrasting colour.

The shape appears somewhat jarring and for many viewers will likely remain so. However there's no denying the lid is a truly audacious feature that will cause people to stare wherever the Coupé goes. Edgy shapes such as this odd-looking top take guts to put it into production and the sculptors (and their bosses) at Mini are clearly risk takers.

Active spoiler

In place of the squared-off liftgate on regular Minis, the Coupé features a large hatchback that opens very wide and very high to accommodate a reasonable amount of cargo.

Built into the edge of the cargo door is an active spoiler (with manual override) that automatically extends whenever the Coupé exceeds 80 km/h. The wing isn't just a decorative adornment, as Mini claims it applies up to 40 kilograms of downforce.

▶ The roof is interesting, but is it fashion? Buy a Mini Coupé and you'll have endless debates with your friends and family about it.

Mini has got a little surprise for you

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People who consider Mini a niche brand will understand why the all-new Coupé was created.

This sporty two-seater is a rolling fashion statement that dares to thumb its nose at practicality and convention.

It's a car you would wear like an Armani suit or Vera Wang dress, which is for the label as much as the look and definitely not for everyday use.

As Minis go, the Coupé is the Mini-est. In the marque's storied 50-year-plus history it has never built a two-seat model, much less a model that shuns the squared-off look in favour of a rounded roofline.

Still, the car appears every inch a Mini, especially the lower body that looks as if it was lifted from the classic-Mini production line.

In fact, the car's basic proportions — length, width and distance between the front and rear wheels — are similar to the current two-door Mini Cooper.

It likely didn't make any sense to reduce these values since the Mini is already mini enough and most owners only rarely use the rear-seat as a passenger repository. The only key value that has shrunk is the height, due to the Coupé's less upright windshield.

Coupé pricing begins at about $25,000, which is about $1,500 more than a base hardtop. But as any fashionista knows, you pay more for trendy bespoke attire than for off-the-rack.

For the no-boundaries adventurous, your Coupé carriage awaits.

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By comparison

Mini Cooper
Base price: $23,600
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Fiat 500
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Mitsubishi's shot at family sedans like the Honda Accord, Chevrolet Malibu and Toyota Camry was called the Galant.

The latest generation of this machine was available during model years 2004 to 2010 inclusive, though it's now been discontinued.

All models were front-drive sedans.

Look for features like leather seating, premium audio with MP3 compatibility and an auxiliary input jack, air conditioning, cruise control, heated mirrors, remote access and a six-way adjustable driver's seat.

2004 to 2010 Mitsubishi Galant

Engine

Galant offered up both a 2.4-litre four-cylinder or a 3.8-litre V-6 with 160 or 230 horsepower, respectively. Later in the Galant's life, a sporty Ralliart version was offered with a 258-hp version of the V-6.

What owners like

Spaciousness, a comfortable ride, unique styling and easy-to-use controls are among the Galant's most highly-rated attributes. Some owners also report low maintenance costs and reasonable gas mileage with the four-cylinder. Overall value for the money is rated highly.

What owners dislike

Many Galant drivers call the four-cylinder noisy and underpowered, and others wish that the gear-shift console would light up at night. A quieter ride and more exciting interior styling are also on the wish-lists of many.

Common issues

A "scan" by a Mitsubishi trained technician can reveal any sensor or computer-related issues, including problems with emission control sensors and oxygen sensors, which could be pricey to replace.

Note that a rattling sound from under the hood or under the car could be caused by a loose heat shield, and that a scraping or "rattling" sound in the steering column could be caused by a loose part of the turn-signal cancel mechanism.

Verdict

The Galant seems pleasantly free of large, systematic or worrisome problems. Combined with the excellent factory powertrain warranty (10 years or 160,000 kilometres), it's a sedan that most shoppers could buy with confidence.

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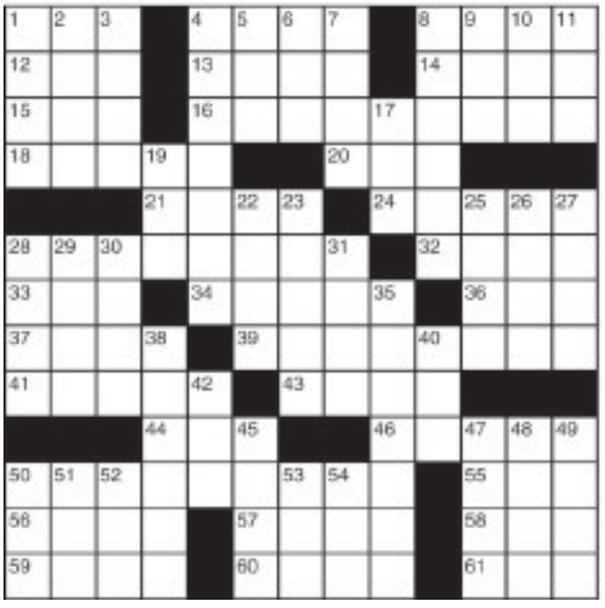

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4 Venomous vipers
8 Exploding star
12 Praise in verse
13 Other people
14 Final notice
15 Supporting
16 Put under
18 Pond cover
20 Actor McBride
21 Peacekeeping org.
24 Decorator's theme
28 Spoof
32 1492 ship
33 Work with
34 Valuable collection
36 Door opener
37 Chinese dynasty
39 Fill with 6-Down
41 Turkish official
43 Birthright barterer
44 Sprite
46 Between-meal munchie
50 Dangle a carrot
55 Hawaiian garland
56 Help a thief
57 Stench
58 Diner order, briefly
59 Pedestal part
60 Courts
61 Brewery product

Down

1 Couch
2 Pedestal occupant
3 Longtime "Mad" cartoonist Dave
4 Essentially
5 Bashful
6 Vigor
7 Harmonization
8 Idea
9 Sapporo sash
10 Namely (Abbr.)
11 Chowed down
17 Resistance measure
19 Blackbird
22 Grow weary
23 Pure air
25 Polynesian icon
26 Don Juan's mother
27 Actress Dunaway
28 Draining reservoir
29 Largest of the seven
30 Sawbucks
31 Prior nights
35 Chalk-board accessories
38 Depressed urban area
40 Pistol
42 — carte
45 Go smoothly
47 Actress Jessica
48 Honeycomb compartment
49 Prop for Ben Franklin
50 Tiny bit
51 Lawyers' org.
52 Homer's neighbor
53 Altar affirmative
54 Menagerie

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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6	5	8	7	2	4	1	3	9
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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 It's okay to be skeptical about what you are told, especially on the work front

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Don't commit yourself to anything that you do not have complete control over.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Your logic circuits cannot be trusted, at least not for the next 24 hours.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Let your mind lead you where it wants to go.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Today's Sun-Pluto link suggests you may have to bend to the whims of people in positions of power.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 No matter how strong your current opponent may be you can still beat them.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Spend some time by yourself.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You are in no mood to take advice, not even if it is good advice.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't have to do everything yourself.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 The answer will come when it is ready to come.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Some unpleasant facts will have to be faced today but the good news is they won't be nearly as bad as you thought they would be.

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